

# B.A. (Part-I) EXAMINATION, 2014

## GENERAL ENGLISH

Time allowed : Three hours

Maximum marks : 100

I. (a) Answer the following questions briefly :

- (i) Why did Rama Rao plan to go to Madras ?
- (ii) What did the old man fear would harm his animals ?
- (iii) What sort of prisoners used to be sent to the Andaman islands ?
- (iv) Why did the chief of Tagins keep referring to himself in his answers ?
- (v) Give two reasons why green plants are vital to life. 2×5

(b) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

Grimsdyke's reluctance to pass examination was wholly the fault of his grandmother, a well-to-do old lady who had passed the long-drawn-out twilight of her life in Bournemouth. As she had nothing else to occupy her she developed a wide selection of complaints, which were soothed away, all in good time, by the expensive attentions of her charming physicians. Her regard for the medical profession mounted with each indisposition, and was tempered only with regret that she had not a single medical gentleman in her own family. The only person who could have rectified the omission was young grimsdyke, and she conceived the idea while he was still at school of enticing him into the profession by offering to pay his expenses for the course.

Unfortunately, the grandmother shortly afterwards developed a malady beyond the abilities of her doctors and was carried away; but her will contained a clause bequeathing a thousand a year to the young man during the time that he was a medical student.

- (i) Where did Grimsdyke's grandmother pass the later years of her life ?
- (ii) How did she entice Grimsdyke into studying medicine ?
- (iii) What made her regard the medical profession ?
- (iv) What were the contents of Grimsdyke's grandmother's will?
- (v) To whom does the author assign Grimsdyke's reluctance to pass the examinations ? 2×5
- (vi) State which of the following statements are True and which False :
  - (a) Grimsdyke's grandmother was happy that no member of her family was a doctor.

- (c) Grimsdyke's grandmother was satisfied with the services of her physicians.
- (d) Grimsdyke's grandmother left him a thousand pounds a year while he was a school student.
- (e) Grimsdyke's grandmother had a lot of respect for doctors.

1×5

(vii) Find words from the passage which mean :

- (a) unwillingness
- (b) to correct
- (c) tempt or persuade
- (d) modify or lessen
- (e) illness.

1×5

(c) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

Schools gave him nothing, and society gave him nothing. But he had a powerful intellect and a resolute will. Isolation fostered not only self-reliance but the habit of reflection, and, indeed, of prolonged and intense reflection. He made all that he knew a part of himself. He thought everything out for himself. His convictions were his own—clear and coherent. He was not positive or opinionated, and he did not deny that at certain moments he pondered and hesitated long before he decided on his course. But though he could keep a policy in suspense, waiting for events to guide him, he did not waver. He paused and reconsidered, but it was never his way to go back on a decision once made, or to waste time in vain regrets that all he had expected had not been attained. He took advice readily, and left many things to his ministers; but he did not lean on his advisors. Without vanity or ostentation, he was always independent, self-contained, prepared to take full responsibility for his acts.

- (i) What did society give the character mentioned in the passage ?
- (ii) Mention two positive qualities of the character.
- (iii) Did this person decide all matters instantly ?
- (iv) Was this person reluctant in taking advice ?
- (v) How did this character react on his decisions once made?

2×5

2. (a) Write a letter to your sister advising her to pay attention to her studies.

10

Or

Write an application for the post of PGJ-English in a senior secondary school of your town.

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(b) Write a paragraph of about 150 words on any one of the following topics :

- (i) Morning Walk (ii) Fashion  
(iii) Honesty is the best policy.

10

Or

Make a precis of the passage given in question 1 (c) and give it a suitable title. 8+2

3. Translate any ten of the following sentences into English :

- (i) सुबह से लगातार बारिश हो रही है।  
(ii) क्या आप इस व्यक्ति को जानते हैं ?  
(iii) कृपया खिड़की बन्द कर दो।  
(iv) बच्चों को पानी के पास जाना मना है ?  
(v) सभी छात्र परेड के लिए उपस्थित थे।  
(vi) यदि कठिन परिश्रम करोगे तो अच्छा परिणाम पाओगे।  
(vii) वन में मयूरों ने नाचना प्रारम्भ कर दिया।  
(viii) जब हम घर पहुँचे तब मेहमान आ चुके थे।  
(ix) वाह, क्या खूबसूरत मित्र है।  
(x) मेरे पिताजी कल मुम्बई जाने वाले हैं।  
(xi) हमें अपना कार्य ईमानदारी से करना चाहिए।  
(xii) हमारा परीक्षा परिणाम अगले सप्ताह घोषित होगा।  
(xiii) सन्तरे तौल से बेचे जाते हैं।  
(xiv) एक भूखा आदमी सड़क के किनारे बैठा था।  
(xv) शीला ने गणित में अच्छे अंक प्राप्त किये हैं।

1 × 10

4. Write a report on a road accident that occurred in your locality the previous day. <https://www.mdsuonline.com> 10

5. (a) Do as directed :

- (i) She goes to school by bus. (change to interrogative)  
(ii) The principal refused him admission. (change to passive)  
(iii) She went to the market. (change to negative)  
(iv) The policeman said, "Show me your driving licence." (change to indirect speech)  
(v) He is a doctor. His wife is an engineer. (join the sentences)  
(vi) What a beautiful picture ! (change to an assertive sentences)

1 × 6

(b) Frame one sentence on each of the following patterns :

- (i) My father is a teacher.  
(ii) Grandmother told us wonderful stories.

1 × 2

- (c) Fill in the blanks in the following with suitable modals :
- This room \_\_\_\_ accommodate 80 persons. (capacity)
  - \_\_\_\_ you please pass me some sugar ? (request)
  - Visitors \_\_\_\_ park their vehicles here. (prohibition)
  - We \_\_\_\_ respect our elders. (moral obligation)  $\frac{1}{2} \times 4$
- (d) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with the correct forms of the verbs given in brackets :
- If you \_\_\_\_ out in the rain you will get wet. (go)
  - The guests \_\_\_\_ before we reached home. (arrive)
  - Sharma \_\_\_\_ a new novel these days. (write)
  - He \_\_\_\_ for two hours now. (play)  $\frac{1}{2} \times 4$
- (e) Supply suitable determiners :
- \_\_\_\_ students had gathered in the square.
  - \_\_\_\_ tea that you prepared was very sweet.
  - I have hardly \_\_\_\_ money in my pocket.
  - Please pass me \_\_\_\_ more biscuits.
  - There is \_\_\_\_ water left in the jug.
  - \_\_\_\_ is a wholesome food.  $\frac{1}{2} \times 3$
- (f) Use any three of the phrasal verbs in sentences of your own, making their meanings clear :
- bring up
  - come across
  - carry on
  - take after
  - look into  $1 \times 3$
- (g) Correct any two of the following sentences :
- She washed her both hands.
  - We walked one and a half mile.
  - There was a quarrel among the two friends.
  - Raman is working in this office for four years.  $1 \times 2$

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